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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Ms:

I respectfully do not consider allowing Microsoft to 'donate' their software to schools to be any kind of 'penalty' or 'remedy', quite the opposite, in fact. By allowing the settlement to continue as currently proposed, Microsoft has turned a legal defeat into a commercial victory for their monopolistic ways.

A more prudent penalty would be to force Microsoft to provide either cash money, or hardware void of Microsofts operating system, instead forcing Microsoft to donate their competitors software, whether it be from Apple, or a Linux distribution, or some other non-Microsoft product.

Please also force Microsoft to publish their APIs, and restrict them from anti-competitive practices, especially against not-for-profit software ventures, such as Linux, Apache, Sendmail, etc., so that both free and commercial software interests can operate in a business climate which encourages open innovation.

Sincerely,

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